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TAMPERED WITH SCALES WHEN BUYING GRAIN DEALER TALKS

Rogers Tells Grain Commission How to Avoid Any Loss

**ROSS APOLOGIZES
FOR ACCUSATION:**
Former Buyer Explains
How to "Fix" Scales
with File

MOOSE JAW, Sask., July 31.—(Canadian Press)—How as a buyer he shifted his scales to deprive farmers of from 30 to 40 pounds on a load, was told by W. T. Rogers, former assessor.

buyer for the Searle Grain company, at the Royal grain inquiry commission here this afternoon.

testimony or statements made without substantiation by W. M. Rose, counsel for the Order of Grain Buyers, alleging that counsel tampered with witnesses, and an apology by Mr. Rose, featured the afternoon session. Several witnesses were heard dealing with alleged faked shortages, intimidation of buyers, inciting to theft, and blackmailing. The hearing of the Morrison charges continues here Wednesday and Thursday.

Incitation to Theft
Rogers' evidence, which was given to the commission when dealing with the charge of incitation to theft, made Mr. Ross, took up considerable time and was adjourned for further hearing Wednesday. Claiming to be a buyer for the Marie Grain company at Star City, in 1925-26, when J. F. Stewart, a travelling superintendent of the company, visited him, he said he used a file on the scale to make a man's life.

Questioned by Travers Swainman, counsel for the company, Rogers said he knew it was a dishonest act.

Stewart had told him it was necessary to get the extra grain. When the scales inspector came he was "fix up the scales again." He requested the scales when the inspector came and the inspector did not

"Got Leery"
Asked by Mr. Sweetman how long the scales had stayed "crooked" at a time, witness said after they were tampered with they had stayed that way for about one week, when

Rogers said when the scales were first placed on a dishonest basis, the evaluator was taking in about 1,800 sheels a day. That was early in October. Under cross-examination,

admitted he had changed the scales two or three times a season, adding that although the scales had stayed balanced properly most of a season, there were periods lasting from three days to one week when they were dishonest.

Mr. Sweatman: "Why did you change the scales?"

Witness: "To get the extra tribute. I had to have them."

Some Farmer: Wise

When one of these farmers weighed the scales back that they weighed honestly. The of farmers he could not cheat one in ten, he said. Asked

Asked why, he said it might be suspicious. He was there to do as much grain as possible and go business. Asked where he had the file he used on the scales, he said he had shown it to the

Mr. Sweatman: "Did you have any of any burglars' tools in the house?"

Witness: "No, I did not have any, but I expect a burglar could find a great many of the tools."

Was Then Fired
ogers said he had worked for
before he took the position
City Street had discharged

while at Star Kty, after his arrest he did not report the contents of the moles to the company. He did not know why he had been charged. He had been told his moles were "utterly unsatisfac-

the case will be resumed Wednesday morning.

in describing the incidents
counsel making statements like
which they know will be report-
should remember the responsi-
attached to them." Mr. Pu-
said. Yesterday morning Mr.
made statements that coun-

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